alia, included issues relating to confidence-building measures, ways to encourage more people to join the peace process and rehabilitation of persons who may give up the gun, etc.

**CRPF Groups in Trivandrum**

1693. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CRPF Group Centre in Trivandram (Kerala) is not being fully utilised;

(b) whether it is a fact that the staff strength of the Centre has been reduced;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether a CRPF sub-centre is proposed to be started at Kozhikode District in Kerala; and

(e) if so, the details of the project and present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHIR MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) The Group Centre, CRPF, Trivandrum is fully utilised for the purpose for which it was created.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) There is no unit called Sub-Centre in CRPF. However, there is a proposal to shift the Recruit Training Centre-III presently located in the Group Centre premises at Pallipuram (Trivandrum) to Thamarassery near Kozhikode.

**Custodial Deaths in Delhi**

1694. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi among all the Union Territories, reported the maximum number of 30 custodial deaths during 1995-96;

(b) if so, the number of such deaths in different Union Territories during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the main reasons for the high increase in custodial deaths in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHIR MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) There were 39 custodial deaths in Delhi during the year 1995-96.

The number of deaths that occurred in different Union territories during the last three years viz. 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 was as under:

| Sl. NO. | Union Territory | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Delhi | 37<br>35(JC)<br>02(PC) | 34<br>32(JC)<br>02(PC) | 39<br>34(JC)<br>05(JC) |
| 2. | Pondicherry | 01(PC) | — | — |
| 3. | A & N Islands | — | — | — |
| 4. | Chandigarh | — | — | — |
| 5. | Dadra & Nagar haveli | — | — | — |

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| 6. | Daman & Diu | — | — | — |
| 7. | Lakshadweep | — | — | — |

JC — JUDICIAL CUSTODY
PC — POLICE CUSTODY.

(c) There has been no significant increase in the number of custodial deaths in Delhi during the last three years. The factors responsible for custodial deaths include, inter alia, natural causes, failure to assess the clinical condition of the victim and to shift him to the hospital in time, beating by public before the victim is brought to the police station and negligence in maintaining vigil over the person in custody affording him an opportunity to commit suicide.

**ISD/STD/PCOs at Secundrabad Railway Station in A.P.**

1695. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the adequate number of ISD/STD/PCOs are not available at Secundrabad Railway Station in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Hyderabad Telecom has conducted any study in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) No, Sir. Three STD/ISD/PCOs are working at Secundrabad Railway Station besides 11 local PCOs.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It is found that STD/ISD/PCOs provided are adequate. However, additional 8 local PCOs have been sanctioned for future needs.

**National Water Policy**

1696. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India formulated any National Water Policy;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) in what aspects the above policy has been implemented during the last five years;

(d) whether any hurdles have been faced in the implementation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to tackle those hurdles?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Water Policy was adopted in September, 1987.

(b) The salient features of the National Water Policy are:—

(i) Reckoning a drainage basin or sub-basin as a unit of Planning;

(ii) Adoption of integrated and multi-disciplinary approach to planning and formulation of projects;

(iii) Integrated and conjunctive development of surface and ground water;